

Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents /Kia ora te whanau/Malo e lelei/Talofa lava/Bula Vinaka/Konnichi wa/Kia orana/ Namaste/Welkom/Ni hao,

Walking around our school this week, it's been so good to meet some of our new students, watch our incredible teachers in action and feel the buzz of learning happening in every classroom. I love being here at Cornerstone; being part of this Christian community of students, parents and staff. What a privilege that we get to live out our faith in God in our workplace!



Last week I spent a couple of days at the Year 13 Leadership Camp at MiCamp, Whakamaru. Wow what a fantastic event. A huge thank you to Mr James Rose (Secondary DP) who organised the camp, assisted by Mrs Erika Snedden, Mr Louis Jayasuriya, Mr Hayden Hewitt and Mr Carl McIntyre.

Farewell Assembly for Dr Ferrar and Community BBQ

We will be holding a Whole School Assembly this coming Friday 14th February at 2pm in the gymnasium to farewell our Principal, Dr Peter Ferrar. All are welcome to attend. If you can, please join us in the evening (5pm) for a School Community barbecue on the grassed area behind the administration block. Yes, I know it's Valentine's Day (sorry), so parents you'll just have to imagine that our school is a romantic twilight venue for an evening picnic event with your spouse (with children in tow of course). Please bring along a blanket or chairs to sit on and food for your family. Some gazebos will be set up for sun shelter. We will also be putting on a free sausage sizzle. This will be an informal event where our school community can meet and chat with Peter and meet other school staff.

Junior Climbing Spider Web / 2020 Gala

This week it was awesome to see our long-awaited junior climbing spiderweb being installed behind A block. This structure was partially funded from the 2019 Gala and was planned by the junior school council here at Cornerstone. We still have wooden surrounds and bark mulch to install before this can be used by school students. Hopefully this will be completed over the next two weeks.

If you can, please put up your hand to help with our annual gala fundraiser that is coming up on the 7th of March. A big thank you to Josh Couperus and team for their efforts so far. If you can help on the day and have not yet been contacted, please phone Josh on 027 267 2925.



Cornerstone Sports Turf

Please take the time to read the letter from the Cornerstone Christian Education Trust (page 8) regarding the proposed sports turf. As many parents know, significant funds were raised through past Gala events to go towards this turf construction and you may be wondering what has happened to this initiative.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mr Carl McIntyre, who was recently awarded an NEiTA Excellence in Teaching Award. Carl is one of 12 winners in Australia and New Zealand and will shortly attend a ceremony in Wellington where this award will be presented.



Enrolment Scheme

As indicated in last week's newsletter, we will shortly be consulting with our parent community around a draft enrolment scheme that we are looking to put in place here at Cornerstone Christian School. This meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 27th February. If you are intending to come to this meeting, please RSVP by email to sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz or txt 027 604 0064 no later than Monday 24th February.

Have an awesome week!

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell
Acting Principal

Class Awards

Congratulations to the following Tumanako students who received the Class Award for Week 1.

Week 1

- C1: Olivia Parsons & Kaylee Waller
- C2: Morghan Bannister & Ryleigh-Jean Siegel
- C4: Rakaia Oliver & Peter Clements
- C6: James Alderdice & Breanna Tongs



Wanted

Rental

One of our new families are looking for a home to rent. If you know of any available rental properties in the Palmerston North/Feilding areas, please can you phone Beth Cunningham on 021 232 6817. Thank you.

Business Studies Project

We are a business studies group and are looking for old rimu furniture for a free or low price. Ultimately, we would prefer around 3cm thick pieces that we can recycle into a product we are selling as part of our business studies project. If you have or know of anyone interested, please contact liamw@student.cornerstone.ac.nz or liams@student.cornerstone.ac.nz. This would be greatly appreciated thank you.

Secondary School News - Cornerstone 2020 School Leaders

It is with great pleasure we introduce our 2020 Student Leaders:

Head Students

Head Girl: Poppy Hewitt
Head Boy: Ben Rauzi
Deputy Head Girl: Chloe Grapentin
Deputy Head Boy: Timote Muli

Committees

Arts Committee: Timote Muli & Nikita Martin
(Incl Music & Worship)
Social Committee: Rachel McCracken
Publicity Committee: Milan George & Ben Rauzi
Cultural Committee: Dottie Leauanae & Emmanuel Tuisau
Sports Committee: Rebekah Mark, Jono McDonald & Shanese Sproull
Missions Committee: Andrea Mascarenhas & Chloe Grapentin
Service Committee: Benjamin Murray & Trent Burrows
Enviro Committee: Ella Hall & Poppy Hewitt
VIP (Values in Practice): Jese Bartley

Tribe Leaders

Naphtali: Rachel McCracken & Faith Odering
Issachar: Benjamin Murray & Shanese Sproull
Zebulun: Evangeline Taylor-Maclean & Isaac Lyne
Asher: Trent Burrows and Ella Hall



Congratulations to our Head Students and Prefects on your appointments. We truly have a superb student team to help lead our school in 2020.



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Secondary School News - Year 13 Camp

On the first Monday of school, the entire Year 13 cohort left for the first ever whole class Year 13 Camp.

We stopped in Turangi for an Amazing Race, then collected a stone, later to be painted by students as their own personal 'cornerstone'. The camp was structured into 5 distinct challenges that covered the physical, emotional, creative, mental and spiritual elements of our created being.

Whilst only two nights, this camp was demanding. It asked a lot of both students and staff alike. That said, everyone rose to the challenge and entered meaningfully into the 'spirit' of the camp. We can be very proud of the way our Year 13's responded to the challenges and emerged more united and ready for servant leadership in 2020. Thank you to all the students who attended, and the staff and parents who supported the camp.

James Rose (Deputy Principal)



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School Notices

Aroha Team Parent Information Afternoon

Date: Tuesday 18th February 2020

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: Year 0/1 meet in A4

Year 2 meet in A5

Childcare: Kathleen Christensen is providing childcare in A1 for toddlers and school children of attending parents.

Draft Enrolment Scheme - Consultation Meeting

A consultation meeting regarding our draft enrolment scheme will be held at school at 7pm on Thursday 27th February. The scheme is being developed by Cornerstone Christian School (with the support of the Ministry of Education) to help the school manage the high number of enrolments it is receiving. The draft scheme will be introduced at this meeting and members of our community will be invited to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees before a final version is forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

If you plan to come along to the meeting please RSVP to the Principal's PA (email sandra@cornerstone.ac.nz or txt 027 604 0064) so that we can choose a suitable room based on the expected numbers.

Following the meeting, copies of the draft scheme will be available from reception together with a feedback form. Please return the feedback form to the school office or scan/email it to sandra@cornerstone.ac.nz no later than Monday 9th March.

Part-time Teaching Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a NZ registered teacher to teach part time in Whakapono team. Please refer to our website's vacancy page for more details. A willingness and ability to support and uphold the Special Character of the school is a condition of appointment. Applications close at midday on Wednesday 19th February.

Office Hours

Cornerstone Christian School office hours are from 8.30am-3.30pm. If you need to make contact outside these hours please phone and leave a message on 356 7326 or email office@cornerstone.ac.nz. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Please note Uniform Shop hours are from 1.45pm-3.15pm Monday- Friday. Please go to the Student Reception for all uniform purchases. Uniform can be ordered via email: ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz and paid for and collected the following day.

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is delivered in digital format via email. The school newsletter is also available on our website and via the School App. If you do not have an email address, you are welcome to collect a hard copy from reception. If you are not receiving our school newsletter via email, please send your email address to Jean at office@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Sports Notices



**Cornerstone
Christian School**

Inter-Tribe Swimming Sports 2020

Makino Aquatic Centre

Y7-13 (+ invited Y5/6's)

Overall Tribe	
2014	Naphtali
2015	Issachar
2016	Issachar
2017	Naphtali
2018	Issachar
2019	Issachar
2020	

Friday 21st Feb

9.30am-2.30pm

www.bit.ly/ccssport
for more info

**Sausage Sizzle \$2.50 per sausage,
prebook at the office by Monday.**



This picture may not actually represent
the pool children will be swimming in.

**...Bus available leaving school
@ 8.50am and returning by 3pm.
\$4 per family (Book at the
office by Monday 17th February)
...Drop off by 9.30am & pick up
@ 2.30pm if not using bus.**

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Sports Notices Cont'd

Thank you to all the students who have registered to play a summer sport. Please remember we have a NO PAY NO PLAY policy so all fees must be paid to the school office BEFORE the first game of the season. If you want to make alternative arrangements, you need to email jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Please note: For further details about school sports, please go to our school website www.cornerstone.ac.nz and go to our Sports Page.

Weetbix Tryathlon

This year we are going to do the Weetbix Triathlon as a school group. We will need parents support with this (particularly the younger students). An email will come out at the beginning of next month asking who is intending to attend. At present there are 15 students attending. Entries are open for the **Palmerston North Weet-Bix Kids Triathlon on 18 March, 2020 at Ongley Park.**

Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for **Cornerstone** when prompted. By linking to our school group, it will give us the chance to win some cool prizes. Cost: \$45 at present.

To enter the TRYathlon visit tryathlon.co.nz. If you have any school or school group related questions please contact **Craig McDonald** on craig@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Sports Uniform

A new school sports uniform is coming soon. We hope to have these available to purchase from the school uniform shop from Term 2. Watch this space for further information.

Key Dates:

Thursday 13 February 4:00-5:00pm
Central Elite Sports Meeting

Friday 14 February 2:00-2:50pm
Combined School Assembly to Farewell Dr Peter Ferrar in the School Gymnasium

Friday 14 February 3:30-5:00pm
Futsal

Friday 14 February 5:00-8:00pm
Community BBQ – Meet the teachers and farewell for Dr Peter Ferrar

Tuesday 18 February 3:30pm
Aroha Team Parent Info Afternoon Year 0-1 in Room A4 - Year 2 in A5

Friday 21 February 9:00am-3:00pm
Swimming Sports (Year 7-13) Makino Pools, Feilding

Friday 21 February 2:35pm
Secondary School Assembly

Friday 21 February 3:30pm
Futsal

Thursday 27 February 7:00-8:00pm
Enrolment Scheme Parent Consultation

Friday 28 February
MUFTI DAY
Mystery Bottle Donation

Saturday 7 March 10am-2pm
School Gala

Term Dates for 2020
Term 1: 3 February - 9th April

What I like about Cornerstone Christian School – Mr Gareth Bell

Cornerstone Christian School's name in Māori "Te Kura o Ihu Karaiti te Kamaka" means "The School of Jesus Christ the Rock." It makes me think of the wrestler/actor The Rock. He is a strong, big man. It also reminds me of Matthew 7:24 "Build your house on the rock, and it shall stand." Let's build our school on Ihu Karaiti (Jesus Christ), because he is greater than The Rock.



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Cornerstone Fundraising Group – All Weather Artificial Turf

It is 8-10 years ago that a group of parents (including myself) set out with a vision to have an artificial all-weather turf here at Cornerstone.

With muddy sports fields and a growing passion for hockey, the CFG at the time started the fundraising goal of raising funds towards an all-weather turf. Over many galas and other initiatives, you, our community and supporters, have managed to raise approximately \$100,000.

Working with the Proprietors and the Cornerstone Christian Education Trust, the Cornerstone Fundraising Group at the time realised that this was great seed money toward the project, but well short of something that we could be proud of, and something that would not outgrow our fast growing school. The CFG gifted that money to CCET to be held in trust as we realised it would be closer to \$700,000 to \$1.3 million dollars to build something fantastic.

It is timely to share our continued commitment to this project and tell you that by no means has this project been shelved or stopped. Far from it!

As a Trust, we have had many major ongoing projects over the last 4-5 years, with the following being of high priority: our fantastic school gym, a special-needs unit (Waiata), a new secondary block (L block) and a few smaller projects. I want to assure you that the funds our community raised are in the bank and that the turf project is still something we discuss at most Trust meetings, and I will continue to champion this.

We are unable to give an exact time that the project will be delivered to the school, as the demand for learning spaces is always our first priority, but we will continue to work with School Management on this project and as soon as we can, we will deliver (like all our other awesome facilities), something that will be future-proof and of an excellent standard.

We hope this helps you to understand that the project is still alive and well, and that CCET are committed to seeing it to its fruition.

If this is something you would like to continue to support, feel free to contact me.

Blessings

Glenn de Groot
(On behalf of CCET)



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Cornerstone Fundraising Group - Gala 2020

With our gala coming up in approximately 3 weeks, everyone has an opportunity to help. We are asking each family to bake something to help out eg muffins, cake, slice, etc. Further information will be coming out closer to the time. We will not be providing plastic bags for baking this year, as we are trying to be more environmentally conscious.

If you would prefer to make sweets eg fudge, coconut ice, gingerbread men, sherbet, etc, please let Eloise Short know. Her contact details are: nickandeloise@gmail.com or 027 5378144.

Please ensure your baking is in sealed packaging and has a label with a list of ingredients in it.

Please drop your baking off to the classroom next to the gym on Thursday 27th February or Friday 28th February. There will be signs outside the gym to direct you to the drop off point.

We also welcome baking that is allergy friendly.

Thank you.

Cornerstone Fundraising Group



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Life Education Manawatu

Hi from Tim & Harrold from Life Education Manawatu,

What a privilege it has been sharing in the students learning this past week! There have been so many thoughtful discussions both in and out of the mobile classroom, and I have really enjoyed hearing what has been shared at home from parents and caregivers.

I really hope the pupils will continue to make positive decisions about taking care of themselves and others, so please follow up with them on the importance of looking after their amazing bodies by taking care of their basic needs (Year 1-2), and how our different personalities enable us to relate, understand and help others in so many different ways as we get older (Year 3-6)

Thank you again for your generous support of our merchandise, it is so very much appreciated. Our last day is on Monday, and it has just been wonderful being amongst you all again.

Take care and have a brilliant rest of the term!

Love from Tim and Harold!



Community Notices

Mana Fit 8 Week Netball Fitness Program

Available for Intermediate and Secondary students Wednesdays 4pm at Palmy Powerhouse. \$40 each. Register at www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/115482.

KIDS TRIATHLON



HOW TO ENTER:

Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 7th February 2020, enter online at triclub.co.nz or register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm)

We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.

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